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Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Paid For	Number Extra Claims	Small Entity Rate	Large Entity Rate	FEE
Total Claims Fee	15	* 20		x \$9.00	x \$18.00	
Independent Claims	2	** 3		x \$42.00	x \$84.00	
Multiple Dependent Claims ***				\$140.00	\$280.00	
TOTAL FILING FEE						\$
NO ADDITIONAL FEE REQUIRED ****	IF NO FEE REQUIRED, INSERT "0"					0
LIST INDEPENDENT CLAIMS: 1, 10						
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- ☐ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
☐ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
☐ Other enclosures:

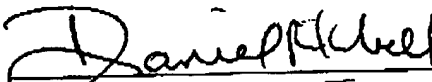
**Amendment Transmittal Letter
Application No. 09/909,353**

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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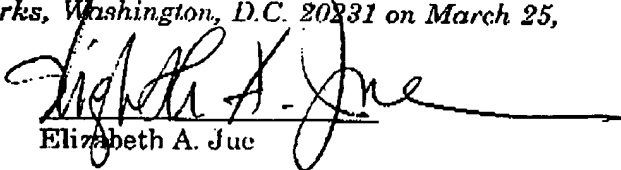
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner:

This paper is filed in response to the Office action of January 13, 2003. Kindly consider the rejection in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending herein, with no amendments made herein.

The Examiner rejects claims 1, 5, 8-10 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by U.S. patent No. 5,462,476 to Bohn, and refers to figure 1 and 2 thereof. The Examiner objects to claims 2-4, 6, 7, 11-13 and 15 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicates that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.